

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Appln of:	Nissov et al.	Atty Docket: 1021/TCM161
Title:	Raman Assisted EDFA System and Method	
Serial No.:	09/991,126	Art Unit: 2633
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Customer No.	32047	Confirmation No.: 5214

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Sir:

**AMENDMENT SUBMITTED WITH REQUEST FOR**  
**CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

This amendment accompanies a request for continued examination. Applicants believe no extension of time or fee is required.

Please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.